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Trip Report for Skinner Landfill RI/FS kick-off meeting, March 6, 1986.

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I rode from Columbus to West Chester with Michael Greenberg, Roger Hannahs and Mark Beasel of OEPA. There we met Gene Wong, Pauline LeBlanc (Enforcement RPII), Tom Ontko (OEPA project manager) and Larry Mincin (OEPA geologist).

The meeting was held at the Union Elementary School Gymnasium. Approximately 100 people attended, including the Union Township Trustees and representatives of the Union Township Fire Department, Butler County Health Department, SII Ohio Air Pollution Authority, and Lakota Schools. The Skinner family and its attorney attended. Reporters attended from the Cincinnati Enquirer, Cincinnati Post, Pulse-Journal Suburban Press, 2 Cincinnati TV stations and one radio station.

I briefly reviewed the Superfund program, including the current status of reauthorization. Tom Ontko spent about half an hour reviewing the history of the site; he showed about 10 slides of the site also. Gene Wong took about 20 minutes to describe the purposes and specifics of the RI.

The question and answer period lasted about 1 1/2 hours, with the questions somewhat evenly divided between those who feel there are no problems at the site and that no RI should be done, and those who had specific questions about what is known about the site so far, what we expect to find, what effect there could be on the air or on drinking water supplies, whether there are any immediate problems.

The meeting concluded about 9:30, with many people remaining to ask other questions.

I arranged for an off-duty policeman to attend the meeting, due to concerns over past confrontations with the landfill owners. While there were no problems at the meeting, I would recommend having security at future meetings.

Followup

1. Update mailing List
2. Send additional information to those who requested it.

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